under the Scheme of quality control, setting up of in house quality control laboratory and implementation of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) in processing units, conducting awareness programme on quality assurance and quality management system and training programme on food safety norms, developing packaging for export of various food products and setting up of agri export zones in geographically contiguous areas in different States. In addition, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under its Plan Scheme, also provides financial assistance to food processing industries for implementation of total quality management including ISO 9000, HACCP etc. and also to establish Quality Control Laboratories in the Country.

Operationalising food parks in States

3177. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food parks sanctioned to be set up in various States so far, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for slow progress in operationalising the food parks; and

(c) the fresh steps taken to ensure that all the conditions necessary for the success of food parks, are put in place quickly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) The Ministry, under its Plan Scheme, provides financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to Public Sector Undertakings/Joint/Assisted/Private Sector/Non Governmental Organizations/Cooperatives for creation of specific common facilities in Food Parks. So far, 36 food parks have been approved for grant of financial assistance in different States. A statement indicating the State-wise break-up of the number of food parks approved, is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) Operationalising of food parks depends, *inter-alia* on managerial, financial and tactical issues related to the project. Most of the food parks were approved during the last two years. There is progress in construction work in several food parks. On its part, the Ministry has undertaken comprehensive review of the progress of food park projects,

and built in provisions to ensure convergence of different schemes on food parks.

Statement

No. of food parks approved for assistance by Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

Sl.No.	State	No. of food parks approved for assistance
1	Andhra Pradesh	1
2	Assam	1
3	Chhattisgarh	1
4	Haryana	2
5	Jammu and Kashmir	3
6	Karnataka	2
7	Kerala	3
8	Madhya Pradesh	5
9	Maharashtra	4
10	Manipur	2
11	Mizoram	1
12	Orissa	1
13	Punjab	1
14	Rajasthan	1
15	Tamil Nadu	1
16	Tripura	1
17	Uttar Pradesh	3
18	West Bengal	3
	TOTAL:	36

Promotion of FPIs

3178. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantity and value of fruits and vegetables destroyed/ lost due to absence of food processing industries, in and around the areas of their cultivation; and

(b) the steps, if any, taken/initiated by Government to establish and/or to promote establishment of food processing units in such areas, with a